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Policy

Re our interception of Lebanese-registered ship MARUCLA, I have talked with Prime Minister Karame with view to reducing unfavorable repercussions in Lebanon.

Karame seemed unworried. Like Port Captain Baddura he pointed out such ships (of which there are nearly 200) merely carry Lebanese flag for convenience and that ownership is non-Lebanese. He said he would so indicate if questioned publicly on subject.

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